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FOR: Microparticles Prepared Using an Ionic Liquid

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of January 29, 2010 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 29, 2010. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is a request for filing a divisional application of the above-identified application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 5019-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$130 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 5019-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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